

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

95th General Assembly
First Regular Session

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COMMITTEE FACTS

For the 95th General Assembly, the House will have 50 committees. Here are a few facts about the committees:

- There are 42 standing committees, including 6 appropriations committees.
- There are 8 special committees, including:
 - Special Committee on Emerging Issues in Animal Agriculture
 - Special Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety
 - Special Committee on Infrastructure and Transportation Funding
 - Special Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing
 - Special Committee on Children and Families
 - Special Committee on General Laws
 - Special Committee on Health Insurance
 - Special Committee on Urban Issues
- In comparison, during the 2007 session, there were 24 standing committees and 26 special committees.



Rep. Ron Richard is sworn in as the 69th Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- January 27 - State of the State - 7 p.m.
- January 28 - State of the Judiciary - 10:30 a.m.
- March 12 - Spring Break begins
- March 23 - Spring Break ends
- April 1 - Last Day to file bills
- April 13 - Easter Break
- May 8 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session Ends

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 1/20/09 9 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	312
# HBs Reported Do Pass	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	0
# HBs Perfected	0
# HBs Third Read	0
#HBs Third Read Consent	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



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COMMITTEE FACTS (CONTINUED)

There are 3 newly-created committees, 2 special committees and 1 standing committee.

- The Special Committee on Emerging Issues in Animal Agriculture considers matters relating to issues emerging in the field of agriculture; including those pertaining to animals, livestock and livestock owners.
- The Special Committee on Infrastructure and Transportation Funding considers matters relating to the funding and development of the state's infrastructure including, but not limited to, roads and highways, bridges, ports, water and sewer systems and telecommunications services.
- The House Committee on Real ID and Personal Privacy considers matters relating to the protection of personal privacy and security concerns.

FRESHMAN FACTS

This session, there are 118 returning members of the House and 45 newly elected representatives. Here are a few facts about the freshmen:

- 21 are Republicans and 24 are Democrats, 14 are women and 21 are men.
- 2 were elected in special elections and served during the 2008 legislative session.
- 1 member, Rep. Chris Kelly, has previously served in the House.
- 2 members are the grandchild of a former legislator, Rep. Thomas Flanigan and Rep. Chris Carter. Both now serve in the seat previously held by their grandparent.

FAST FACTS

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| • There are 163 members of the House. | • This session, 33 women are serving in the House. | • 22 committee chairs were new this session. |
| • 89 are Republicans and 74 are Democrats. | • Of which, 24 are Democrats and 9 are Republicans. | • 38 of the chairs lead their committee in 2008. |



Did you know?

The construction of the Capitol began in 1913 and lasted four years. The total cost of the project was \$4,215,000.